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Officers

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Town of West Rutland

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WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of West Rutland, in the County of Rutland and the State of Vermont, are hereby warned to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on the first Tuesday of March being the 3rd day of March, A.D. 1970 at 10 o'clock A.M. to act on the following business:

Art. (1) To elect all necessary Town Officers as required by law.

Art. (2) To act upon the annual Reports of the Town Officers.

Art. (3) Shall the Town vote a tax on the Grand List for expense on selected roads and cost of maintaining and repairing Town Highways, and if so, how much?

Art. (4) Shall the Town vote a tax on the Grand List to pay debts and defray expenses of the Town, and if so, how much?

Art. (5) Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money to meet demands of current expenses of the Town until funds can be realized from taxes?

Art. (6) Shall the Town vote to collect, until rescinded at a regular or special meeting, current taxes on real estate and personal property and pay direct to the Town Treasurer in three installments on the following dates

1/3 between July 1st and the 10th
1/3 between September 1st and the 10th
1/3 between November 1st and the 10th

All above taxes become delinquent on November 12th.

Art. (7) Shall the Town vote to pay current poll and water taxes direct to the Town Treasurer, and if so, on what dates

Art. (8) Shall the Town vote a tax on the Grand List for Library expenses, and if so, how much?

Art. (9) Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $100.00 for payment of expenses for the proper observance of Memorial Day to the American Legion, each year thereafter, until rescinded at a regular or special meeting?

Art. (10) Shall the Town vote a tax on the Grand List for Recreation of the Town children, and if so, how much?

Art. (11) Shall the Town vote to direct the Listers to set the polls of all inhabitants in the Grand List at $1.50?

Art. (12) Shall the Town vote to exempt from taxes up to 25% of the Appraisal Value, for a period of 5 years, ALL AND ANY NEW WORKSHOPS, FACTORIES AND MILLS in the same, whose construction will begin in A.D. 1970 and will employ 10 or more persons? (Sect. 3834, 32 V.S.A.)

Art. (13) Shall the Town vote to exempt from taxes the first $15,000.00 of the Appraised Value, EXCLUSIVE OF LAND, for a period of three years from the date of this meeting, ALL BUILDINGS whose construction will begin A.D.

1970 and USED AND OCCUPIED EXCLUSIVELY AS A HOME BY THE ORIGINAL OWNER(S). This exemption will not be granted for any homes with an Appraised Value of less than $5,000.00. Said EXEMPTION being limited to ONE TRANSACTION within any 10 year period? (Sect. 3836, 32 V.S.A.)

Art. (13A) Shall the Town vote to place Article 13 on the ballot in 1971?

Art. (14) Shall the Town vote a tax of five cents (5¢) on the Grand List for five years, for the purpose of paying the town's share of the costs involved in the flood control and drainage for the Upper Castleton River Watershed? This tax shall become effective on January 1st following the date of final approval of the project.

Art. (15) Shall the Town vote a sum of .4¢ on the Equalized Grand List ($568.00) for the continued membership in the Rutland Regional Planning Commission?

Art. (16) Shall the Town vote four cents (4¢) on the Grand List for three consecutive years, to complete our share of the West Rutland Recreation Project?

Ballot boxes for the election of Town Officers will be open at 10 o'clock A.M. and close at 6 o'clock P.M. Taxpayer business meeting for 1970 will be held at 7 o'clock P.M.

CARL B. WENER
CHESTER P. GODRICK
FRANK ZECHNER
SELECTMEN

TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of the Town School District of West Rutland, in the County of Rutland, and the State of Vermont, are hereby warned to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on the first Tuesday of March, being the 3rd day of March, A.D., 1970 at 10 o'clock A.M. to act on the following business:

1. To elect all Town School District Officers as required by law.

2. To see if the Town School District will vote a tax on the Grand List to pay debts and defray the expenses of the Town School District, and if so, how much.

3. To see if the Town School District will vote a tax of four cents on the Grand List to be used solely for Athletic purposes.

4. To see if the Town School District will authorize the Board of School Directors, or other proper officers, to borrow money to meet the demands of the current expenses of the Town School District until funds can be realized from current taxes.

5. Shall the School District of West Rutland appropriate $202.00 as the share of the District in order to finance the study of the advisability of forming a union School District with some or all of the following school districts: Proctor and West Rutland, and the School Directors be authorized to appoint a planning committee for that purpose? This vote will be Australian Ballot.

6. To see if the Town School District, voting by Australian Ballot, shall authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow a sum not to exceed $35,000.00 at a rate not to exceed 6½% for the purpose of installing a portable unit containing two classrooms to the rear of the present school site. This unit will meet thhe requirements of the Vermont State Department of Education, Vermont State Department of Health and the Vermont State Department of Public Safety. Approval of this article will authorize a tax of (.124¢) on the Grand List and will authorize payments of principal and interest to be included in Regular School District Budget, 1970 through 1975.

7. To act upon any other Town School District business which may legally come before the meeting.

CARL B. WENER,
CHESTER B. GODRICK
FRANK ZECHNER
SELECTMEN

Dated at West Rutland, Vermont
January 20, 1970

TOWN OFFICERS

(Date after name indicates when term expires. Asterisk before name indicates office to be voted on this year.)

Town Manager (by Appt.)	Smith C. Horner	1970
Moderator	Adam Krempa	1970
Town Clerk	*V. Sevigny	1970
Town Treasurer	*S. Brzosa	1970
Selectment	*Carl Wener	1970
	C. Godrick	1971
	F. Zeckner	1972
School Directors	*L. DiGangi	1970
	J. Bloomer	1971
	A. Tumielewicz	1972
Road Commissioner	Town Manager	
Tax Collector	Town Manager	
Listers	*C. Glidden	1970
	W. Gallipeau	1971
	G. Covalt	1972
Auditors	*S. Kruszewski	1970
	B. Kupferer	1971
	J. Orzell	1972
Grand Jurors	*A. A. Anderson	1970
	*V. Drzewiczewski (Resigned)	1970
	*H. Smyrski	1970
First Constable	*S. Pietryka	1970
Second Constable	*W. Trepanier	1970
Trustees of Public Monies	*E. Bishop	1970
Town Law Agent	Town Manager	1970
Tree Warden	Town Manager	
Regional Planning Committee	Delegate, Town Manager Alternate, Chairman, Board of Selectmen	

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

To The Honorable Selectmen and Residents
of West Rutland, Vermont

The following is a report of the activities of your Town Manager's office. This is much longer than usually necessary however, I feel that due to the increase in our projects it is the only way to improve communications.

When you receive this Town Report, the *Sewer System* will be under construction having started January 19, 1970. All participating agencies have approved and will finance us as the work progresses. We are starting on short term notes with the hope of selling bonds later with a lower interest rate. (Note Sewer Account) There will be many inconveniences this summer as in all construction projects. However, this office intends to keep all complaints at a minimum. Please feel free to contact us and also the Resident Engineer. I am sure that we will be able to work out any problems that may arise.

In keeping with the fulfillment of the duties of this office, I have followed all of the available State and Federal funds and have the following two projects and matching funds for their completion. This town started a Recreation Area sometime ago on the Clarendon River and it became necessary in June, 1969 to re-new our application. I contacted Mr. Forrest Orr, Executive Director of the Interagency Committee on Natural Resources, and received a six month extension to February, 1970. Mr. Orr met with us and a project cost was submitted to him of $32,000.00 for a bath house, fireplaces and fences. 25% of the cost will be local; $8,000.00; 25% State–$8,000.00 and 50% B.O.R. funds. Our share would be twelve cents (12¢) on the Grand List for one (1) year or four cents (4¢) for three (3) years. The latter would make it necessary to borrow the balance for two years. On a vote of approval this project will start in April or May of this year.

Castleton River Watershed Project–Article 14 This project was tabled at the 1969 Town Meeting due to lack of interest from Pittsford and revived this year due to the following reasons: The Department of Forests and Parks was not interested as a recreation area and their share was picked up by the Fish and Game Department, the Federal Soil Conservation Service and the State Water Resources. This project

should start in the fall. The following is an estimated cost breakdown at present:

The Fish and Game Department	$ 39,700.00
Vermont Water Resources	47,500.00
Town of Pittsford	24,000.00
Town of West Rutland	27,600.00
Federal Soil Conservation Service	560,000.00
TOTAL	$698,800.00

Regional Planning—As you will note a sum of money is requested for Regional Planning based on .4¢ of the Equalized Grand List or a total of $568.00. I have attended these meetings and do recommend that we continue for at least one more year. It is imperative that we remain a member to obtain State and Federal Aid on all future projects.

The Town accepted the street known as Pleasant Heights and money spent this past year was absorbed in the Highway Fund of approximately $1100.00. It appears separately this year—$625.46 paving and culverts and approximately $375.00 for sand, plowing, etc. In the future, this will appear under the Highway Account.

Article 2 of the Warnings of 1969 has been deleted due to an act of Legislature in 1969, which appears in Book I, Title 7, Section 161 and 162 making its appearance in the Warning of 1970 unnecessary. Article 15 has also been cancelled by the State Tax Department.

In conclusion, let me thank you for your fine cooperation this past year.

Smith C. Horner
Town Manager

SELECTMEN'S PROPOSED BUDGET – 1970

General Account

Receipts:

	Anticipated 1969	Actual 1969	Anticipated 1970
Cash on Hand	$10,835.11	$10,835.11	$ 8,168.93
Fire District	222.00	232.50	222.00
Delinquent Taxes	3,500.00	5,365.68	3,500.00
Insurance Reimbursement	940.00	1,170.00	1,100.00
Dog Licenses	400.00	450.50	400.00
Junk Yard License	25.00	25.00	25.00
Liquor Licenses	525.00	525.00	525.00
Town Hall Rental	1,850.00	1,656.00	.....
State of Vt. – Forest & Parks	100.00	84.48	100.00
N.E. Tel. & Tel.	40.00	23.93	40.00
Old Age Assistance from Polls	5,600.00	5,780.00	5,600.00
Highway Account	4,000.00	12,000.00	6,000.00
Highway Account – Over-advances	.....	9,292.85	.....
Loader Payment	6,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Welfare – State of Vt.	248.85	248.85	44.25
State of Vt. – District Court	.....	110.00	.....
Town Land Rental	.....	72.69	.....
Slate and Files	.....	4.00	.....
Coke Machine – Town Hall	.....	10.42	.....
Sewer Project	.....	11,268.21	.....
	$34,285.96	$62,155.22	$28,725.18

General Account

Disbursements:

	Anticipated 1969	Actual 1969	Anticipated 1970
Memorial Day	$ 100.00	$ 100.00	$ 100.00
Regional Planning	.....	.....	568.00
Social Security	800.00	752.83	850.00
Old Age Assistance	5,100.00	5,202.00	5,100.00
State Agr. Tax	850.00	840.00	850.00
Cemeteries	350.00	56.50	350.00
Civil Defense	30.00	28.00	30.00
Election Expenses & Town Reports	1,600.00	1,426.72	1,600.00
Insurance	1,500.00	3,539.21	2.300.00
Interest	600.00	1,145.93	1,000.00
Legal Expenses	100.00	486.20	100.00
Police Service	400.00	129.66	400.00
Street & Traffic Lights	8,500.00	8,498.25	8,700.00
Town Buildings (fuel, telephone, material & supplies)	8,000.00	7,501.91	8,000.00
Town Dump	2,200.00	3,108.48	3,000.00
Town Officers	5,000.00	5,209.17	5,200.00
Town Manager (salary & expense)	3,750.00	4,163.63	4,320.00
Town Dues	119.00	148.00	150.00
Town Offices (salaries, supplies)	4,500.00	5,413.76	5,500.00
Tree Work	500.00	184.10	500.00
Tax Statements	500.00	813.18	800.00
Land Acquisition	3,500.00	3,500.00	.....
Advertising	100.00	77.72	100.00
Loan – Equipment Account	6,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Contributions –			
Mental Health	676.14	676.14	676.50
Humane Society	100.00	100.00	100.00
County Tax	713.71	1,349.23	1,400.00
Sidewalks	.....	146.10	.....
Survey	500.00	.....	.....
Water Shed	.....	21.00	.....
Highway Account	4,000.00	12,000.00	6,000.00
Insect Spraying	1,352.28	1,700.00	.....

RutCo Project	.....	185.00	.....
Welfare	1,000.00	44.25	.....
Cash on Hand to reduce Loan	10,835.11	.....	8,168.93
	$73,276.24	$71,546.97	$68,863.43

Total Disbursements Anticipated	$68,863.43
Total Receipts Anticipated	$28,725.18
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes	$40,138.25

PROPOSED TAX RATE –
60¢ based on Grand List of $67,650.40 to raise $40,590.24

Highway Account – 1970

Receipts:

	Anticipated 1969	Actual 1969	Anticipated 1970
Cash on Hand	$ 968.01	$ 968.01	$ 1,550.51
State Aid – W.M.	846.50	846.50	846.50
Town Highways – W.M.	506.50	506.50	506.50
Town Highways	5,895.66	4,117.66	5,814.62
Town Highways – 1969 Bal.	4,557.83	4,557.83	.....
Town Highways – 1970 Bal.	.....	.....	1,190.46
State Aid Construction – Reg.	2,878.10	2,878.10	2,878.10
State Aid Construction – Spec.	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Resurfacing – Gravel	75.00	48.50	48.50
State Aid – Retreatment	2,800.00	.....	2,800.00
State Aid Balance – 1969	522.05	348.03	.....
Extra Maintenance	900.00	.....	900.00
Route 4	.....	.....	218.44
	$23,949.65	$18,271.13	$20,753.63

Disbursements:

Route 4	$ 750.00	$ 436.87	$ 750.00
State Aid Patrol	144.80	144.80	144.80
State Aid Retreatment	4,200.00	.....	4,200.00
State Aid Construction	8,878.10	8,879.47	8,878.10
State Aid Construction – 1969 Bal.	52.05	524.80	.....
Resurfacing – Gravel	112.50	73.44	72.75
Town Highway Fund	9,000.00	8,675.49	9,000.00
Winter Maintenance	16,000.00	20,913.00	18,000.00
Social Security	600.00	671.44	800.00
Town Manager – Salary & Expenses	3,750.00	3,990.66	4,320.00
Extra Maintenance	1,200.00	.....	1,200.00
Rutco Project	.....	625.46	.....
General Account	4,000.00	9,292.85	.....
Summer Maintenance:	.....	.....	5,000.00
Cold Patch		461.08	
Town Labor		2,768.20	
Town Equipment		1,165.23	
Sloping Rights		50.00	
Mowing Roadsides		300.00	
Road Supplies		292.42	
State Equipment and Labor		455.41	
Sidewalks	.....	.....	500.00
	$49,157.45	$59,720.62	$52,865.65

Total Disbursements Anticipated	$52,865.65
Total Receipts Anticipated	20,753.63
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes	$32,112.02

PROPOSED TAX RATE

48¢ based on Grand List of $67,650.40 to raise $32,472.19

A deficit tax of 10¢ is needed for two years (2) to cover $12,000.00 owed to General Account.

GENERAL & RECREATION ACCTS. - CASH RECEIPTS

Current Taxes		$349,580.27
Proctor Trust Co., Loan		60,000.00
Sewer Acct., Refund		11,268.21
Highway Acct., Refund		9,292.85
Equipment Acct., Loan Repymt.		3,000.00
Delinquent Taxes		5,365.68
Rent:		
Green Mt. Marble Co.	$1650.00	
Union	5.00	
Kindergarten	1.00	1,656.00
Licenses:		
Beer & Liquor	525.00	
Dog	450.50	
Junkyard	25.00	1,000.50
Phone Booth		12.93
Coke Machine		10.42
Reimbursement on Pack Pumps		50.00
Social Welfare, Reimbursement		248.85
Fire Dist., Cold Patch		10.50
Carnival Receipts		6.82
Stumpage		34.48
Fire Dist. Share, Town Reports		222.00
W. R. School Dist., Workmen's Comp.		977.00
Slate & Files		4.00
Dist. Court, Ordinance Violations		110.00
R. Dodds, Town Land Rent		72.69
Am. Legion, Insurance Reimbursement		193.00
		$443,127.20

RECREATION REPORT

Disbursements:

Lights	$ 38.06
Fuel, Skating Rink	71.23
Fire Department, Skating Rink	450.00
Amplifier Repair	6.00
Anthony Fabian, Making Road	895.90
Stanley Blicharz	485.20
Carol Pokrywka	270.00
Donna Ascoli	270.00
Playground Supplies	47.95
Halloween Supplies	65.95
Little League Donation	100.00
George Sherman, Labor	103.75
Felix Geryk, Labor	71.50
Ralph Smith, Disc Jockey	20.00
Chevrolet 60	90.00
Chevrolet 70	135.00
AC Loader	24.00
Les Parker Band	60.00
Jos. Skaza Sr., Backhoe	25.00
Jos. Skaza Jr. Swimming Area	8.00
Steve O'Bara, Mowing	150.00
Lawnmower	74.88
Bernard Poczobut, Chain Saw	30.00
Earle & Merry, Swimming Area	37.00
Social Security	54.20
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$3583.62

GENERAL ORDERS DRAWN

Town Manager's Salary		$ 3,426.84
Town Manager's Expenses		829.79
Marie Kramarz, Secretary		2,890.40
Robert Turner, Custodian & Labor		2,443.05
Rutland Humane Society		100.00
Listing & Appraising:		
W. Gallipeau	$439.80	
G. Covalt	776.35	
E. Bishop	280.00	
C. Glidden	90.50	1,586.65

Mosquito Spraying	1,700.00
George Sherman, Labor	872.05
State Agriculture Tax	840.00
Jos. Skaza, Backhoe	40.00
Social Welfare	44.25
Salt Shed Expense	448.19
Green Mt. Paving	185.00
Rutland City Directory	46.75
Auditors' Salaries	450.00
Town Meeting Expenses	505.75
Health Officer	200.00
Treasurer's Salary	1,520.00
Proctor Trust Co., Interest	1,145.93
Jos. Skaza, Labor	59.40
Dues	148.00
Army Truck	26.25
Chevrolet 60	283.50
Chevrolet 70	188.10
AC Loader	548.00
Memorial Day Expenses	100.00
Social Security	752.83
IBM Tax Statements	813.18
Poll Tax Census	265.80
D. Billado, Town Hall Roof Repairs	445.00
Police Patrol	127.41
James Pecor, Dump	695.00
Gravel, Dump	112.20
Town Clerk Supplies	301.92
Water Rent	54.50
James Lundrigan, Labor	125.60
Robert Geryk, Labor	75.00
Town Hall Door	55.00
Edw. Blair, Dump	306.00
Office Supplies	440.60
Insurance	3,238.00
Lister's Supplies	41.03
Printing Town Reports	1,067.22
Felix Geryk	625.90
Advertising	77.72
Building Material, T.M. Office	1,008.97
James Davis, Labor	30.80
Selectmen's Salaries	900.00
Hospitalization Ins. Reimbursement	304.21
Postage	228.75
Fred Gray, Labor	139.70

Lights		8,830.96
Telephone		515.40
Fuel, Town Hall & Garage		3,010.59
Rutland Tree Service		160.00
Bulldozer, Dump		326.50
Sewer Project Expenses:		
Meetings, Legal Fees & Surveys	$1,464.22	
Richard Sullivan, Legal Fees	2,500.00	
Land Acquisition	6,500.00	
DuFresne-Henry	3,636.50	
Sewer Easements	45.00	14,145.72
Misc. Meeting Expenses		74.90
Green Mt. Marble Co., Legal Fees		250.00
County Tax		1,349.23
Meeting Expenses:		
Frank Zechner	40.00	
Carl B. Wener	61.92	
Chester P. Godrick	311.58	413.50
General Orders Drawn		$ 61,937.04
Money Transfers, General Orders		
Highway Account-Advance	43,000.00	
Proctor Trust Co., Loan	60,000.00	
Water Rents	15,666.81	
Fire District Taxes	7,979.75	
School District Advance	223,689.00	
Library Tax	4,059.02	
Old Age Assistance Tax	5,202.00	
Rutland Mental Health	676.14	
W. R. School District, Loan	20,000.00	380,272.72
TOTAL GENERAL ORDERS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN		$442,209.76

Cash Balance as of January 1, 1969		$ 10,835.11
Total Cash Receipts		443,127.20
Opening Balance Plus Receipts		453,962.31
Less General Orders Drawn	442,209.76	
Less Recreation Orders Drawn	3,583.62	445,793.38
Cash Balance as of January 1, 1970		$ 8,168.93

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT & WINTER MAINTENANCE RECEIPTS

General Account, Advance		$43,000.00
State of Vermont:		
Winter Maintenance	$1,353.00	
Town Highways	8,675.49	
Gravel	48.50	
1968 Bal., Whipple Hollow Rd.	348.03	
Whipple Hollow Road Project	6,878.10	17,303.12
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$60,303.12

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

Disbursements:

Town Manager's Salary	$ 2792.24
Town Manager's Expenses	592.46
Cold Patch	461.08
Supplies	292.42
St. of Vt.–Patrol Maintenance	144.80
Culverts	1063.02
Gravel	1563.23
Treasurer, St. of Vt.	2087.76
Social Security	671.44
Repayment of Over-Advance	9292.85
Mrs. F. Nienaltowski, Sloping Rights	50.00
Peastone	1037.95
Hot Mix	8.25
Whitcomb Corp., Grader	37.50
Edw. Fabian, Compressor	30.14
L. F. Carter Est., Gradall	535.50
All-State Asphalt, Inc.	1604.32
Steve O'Bara, Roadside Mowing	300.00
Green Mt. Paving	1512.40
Jack Tanner, Labor	8.80
Boule Bros., Dozer	285.00
James Davis, Labor	248.60
James Lundrigan, Labor	31.20
Jos. Smith, Labor	104.75
Roy Peterson, Dozer	684.00
F. P. Elnicki, Bulldozer	484.00
Peter McGann, Labor	48.00
Robert Geryk, Labor	25.50
William Schollar	25.50

Jos. Nartowicz, Labor	43.50
Jos. Skaza Jr., Backhoe	24.00
George Sherman, Labor	3341.00
Jos. Skaza Sr., Labor	147.40
Felix Geryk, Labor	2203.30
Army Truck	243.75
Chevrolet 60	2142.00
Chevrolet 70	2120.00
AC Loader	1664.00
Jos. Skaza Sr., Backhoe	235.00
Grader	15.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$38201.66

WINTER MAINTENANCE

Disbursements:

Town Manager's Salary	$ 507.68
Town Manager's Expenses	98.28
Chemical Corp., Salt.	7870.06
Carrara & Son, Sand	1081.74
Rutland Herald, Parking Ordinance	27.38
George Sherman, Labor	1809.65
Harold Wilkins, Labor	253.00
Jos. Skaza, Labor	1194.90
Jack Tanner, Labor	55.00
Jos. Skaza, Backhoe	17.00
Chevrolet 60	2476.49
Chevrolet 70	2693.18
AC Loader	484.00
Army Truck	249.49
Felix Geryk, Labor	476.30
John Smith, Labor	339.95
Chester P. Godrik, Labor	103.70
Jos. Skaza Jr., Labor	87.00
Robert Turner Sr., Labor	97.90
A. Fabian & Son, Trucking	33.76
Robert Geryk, Labor	28.00
Dennis Smith, Labor	26.25
E. Pelletier, Truck & Driver	298.75

Ronald Wilder, Labor	32.00
Wilk Bros., Snow Blower	145.00
A. Fabian, Dozer	166.50
F. Cain, Plowing Sidewalks	581.00
J. Burns, Sidewalk Sanding	115.00
J. Czachor, Cemetary Plowing	170.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$21518.96

Cash Balance as of January 1, 1969	$ 968.01
Cash Receipts	60303.12
Opening Balance plus Receipts	$61271.13
Less Disbursements, Highway & Winter Maint.	59720.62
Cash Balance as of January 1, 1970	$ 1550.51

EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT RECEIPTS

Highway Account	$12,107.91
General Account	1,294.85
Proctor Trust Co., Loan	3,500.00
Aungst Fuels, Gas Tank Refund	100.76
Town Farm Account	224.50
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	$17,228.02

EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT DISBURSEMENTS

Felix Geryk, Labor	$ 249.70
James Davis, Labor	19.80
Jos. Skaza, Sr., Labor	18.00
George Sherman, Labor	382.43
Plow Repairs	278.16
Aungst Fuels, Gas	1,824.19
Gas & Oil	46.94
Sander Repairs	174.41
Chevrolet 70	53.18
Parts	54.03
Chevrolet 60	80.20
Other Equipment Repairs	57.68
Army Truck	168.68
AC Loader, Complete Overhaul	1,844.22

Tools & Equipment		141.58
Chains		132.22
Misc. Supplies		203.75
Grader		20.00
Interest, Proctor Trust Co.		157.50
Truck Registration		30.00
		$5,936.67
Money Transfers		
General Acct., Note	$3,000.00	
Proctor Trust Co., Note	8,500.00	11,500.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		$17,436.67
Cash Balance as of January 1, 1969		$ 1,532.22
Plus Cash Receipts		17,228.02
		$18,760.24
Less Total Disbursements		17,436.67
Cash Balance as of January 1, 1970		$ 1,323.57

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT

Cash Balance as of January 1, 1969	$14,954.67
Transferred to Savings Account	12,500.00
Cash Balance as of January 1, 1969	$ 2,454.67
Proctor Trust Co., Loan	1,000.00
Total Cash on Hand	$ 3,454.67

TOWN FARM ACCOUNTS DISBURSEMENTS

Material for Sand	$ 16.33
Surveying of Lots	579.00
George Sherman, Labor	172.50
Felix Geryk, Labor	138.60
AC Loader	128.00
Chevrolet 60	9.00
Jack Tanner, Labor	35.00
Harold Taylor, Tapping Main	25.76
Richard Sullivan, Legal Fees	70.00
Material for Waterline	93.27

Jos. Skaza Jr., Backhoe		20.00
Culverts		1,812.16
Chevrolet 70		87.50
Jos. Skaza Sr., Backhoe		375.00
Proctor Trust Co., Interest		10.73
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		$3,572.85
Cash Balance		$ 3,454.67
Less Disbursements		3,572.85
Cash Balance as of January 1, 1970		$ (118.18)
Savings Account		$12,500.00
Adam Socinski, Lot	$2,750.00	
Interest	710.91	3,460.91
Total in Savings Account		$15,960.91

SEWER PROJECT ACCOUNT RECEIPTS

Sewer Project Note	$50,000.00

SEWER PROJECT ACCOUNT DISBURSEMENTS

General Account, Refund for Orders drawn for Sewer Project before Account was opened.	$11,268.21
Rutland Herald, Contract Bids	74.67
Richard F. Sullivan, Legal Fees, HUD Project	2,691.00
Town Clerk, Recording of Easements	102.00
Palmer & Dodge, Preparing note and approving legality of same.	95.00
Telephone Charges	10.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$14,241.38
Opening Balance, Note	$50,000.00
Less Disbursements	14,241.38
Cash Balance as of January 1, 1970	$35,758.62

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have verified the existence of stated cash balances, examined the accounts and records of town officers and to our knowledge the statements and reports of receipts and disbursements as of December 31, 1969 are correct.

Sophie M. Kruszewski,
Beverly J. Kupferer,
John J. Orzell,
Auditors

EXPLANATION OF THE GRAND LIST

Total listed valuation of Real Estate for Taxation	$5,925,311.00
Total listed valuation of Personal Estate for Taxation	666,329.00
TOTAL	$6,591,640.00
One percent of total listed valuation of Real and Personal Estate	$ 65,916.40
Total of Taxable Polls @ $1.50	1,734.00
TOTAL GRAND LIST	**$ 67,650.40**

Tax Computation Table Based on Grand List of $67,650.40

1¢ will raise	$ 676.50
2¢ will raise	1,353.01
3¢ will raise	2,029.51
4¢ will raise	2,706.02
5¢ will raise	3,382.52
6¢ will raise	4,059.02
7¢ will raise	4,735.53
8¢ will raise	5,412.03
9¢ will raise	6,088.54
10¢ will raise	6,765.00
$1.00 will raise	67,650.40

Tax Statement – 1969

		Taxes Levied
Town Tax Rates		
General	$ .57	$ 38,560.73
Recreation	.04	2,706.02
School & Athletics	3.46	234,070.38
School Bond	.29	19,618.62
Highway	.38	25,707.15
Library	.06	4,059.02
Rutland County Mental Health	.01	676.50
TAX RATE	$4.81	$325,398.42
Old Age Assistance Tax		5,780.00
		$331,178.42

Taxes Levied		
Property	$317,057.88	
Poll	8,340.54	
Old Age Assistance	5,780.00	$331,178.42
Accounted for as Follows:		
Collected	$325,401.23	
Uncollected	5,777.19	$331,178.42

UNCOLLECTED TAXES YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1969

Name	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Aines, Ronald	.....	$ 14.60	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bania, Albert	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 12.46
Barber, Louise A.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Bergstrom, Edward	.....	14.60	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bergstrom, Mrs. Edward	.....	14.60	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bilodeau, Constance A.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.22
Bilodeau, Norman R.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.22
Bilodeau, Norman & Constance	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 85.84	.....
Bioty, Henry	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.38	.....
Bioty, Henry & Clover	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.68
Bissette, Beverly	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.52	.....
Bissette, Perry	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.52	.....
Bizon, Marie	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.52	.....
Bizon, Stanley	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.52	.....
Bristol, Lawrence F.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.22
Bristol, Sandra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.22
Bristol, Lawrence & Sandra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	182.78
Brown, Andrew R.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.22
Brown, Gertrude	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.28	.....
Brown, Hazel M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.22
Brown, Richard	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.28	.....
Brown, Richard & Gertrude	.....	.....	.....	.....	133.37	132.27
Brown, Walter A.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.22
Brown, Walter & Hazel	$ 22.65	28.78	$ 34.38	$191.54	63.05	93.79
Brytowski, Marion	11.76	16.10	17.75	13.55	13.36	13.30
Brytowski, Vincent	14.19	16.10	17.75	13.55	13.36	13.30
Brytowski, Zygmond	14.19	16.10	.....	.....	.....	.....
Burney, Grace	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.52	12.46
Burney, Richard	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.52	.....

Burns, Frances	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.18
Burns, Joseph	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.18	.....
Cameron, Barbara	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.52	12.46
Cameron, Ralph	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.52	12.46
Carrara, Maude	.....	.....	16.35	.....	.....	.....
Carter, Garth	.....	.....	.....	1,083.16	.....	.....
Cendrowski, Louis	12.09	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cendrowski, Josephine	12.09	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chapman, J. H. Est.	4.96	6.29	7.52	7.48	.....	.....
Clodgo, Victor B.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Conway, Robert	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48.10
Corliss, Brian	12.79	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Daley, Henry	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.00	.....
Demers, Gaylord C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Demers, Linda L.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Dion, Leon & Marguerite	.....	.....	.....	230.86	225.58	.....
Dydo, Anthony Jr. & Catherine	74.39	94.45	113.90	209.16	203.70	202.02
Dydo, Anthony Jr.	.....	.....	.....	12.47	.....	12.22
Dydo, Catherine	12.09	14.00	15.75	12.47	12.28	12.22
Dydo, Frances	12.09	14.00	15.75	12.47	12.28	12.22
Dziubek, Elizabeth I.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Dziubek, Stanley J.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Eddy, Mrs. Frank	.....	.....	16.35	12.71	.....	.....
Fabian, Walter & Barbara	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	288.60
Flanders, Ellis	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.52	.....
Flanders, Hilda	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.52	.....
Fontaine, Beatrice	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.18	13.30
Fontaine, Denis H.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.30
Gagnon, Brenda L.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Galarneau, Francis J.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Galarneau, Francis J. Jr.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Galarneau, Verma K.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Gaugh, Bonnie, W.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Gaugh, William N.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Gibbs, Darwin	12.79	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gilfeather, William	12.79	14.60	16.35	12.71	12.52	12.46

Gilligan, Barbara			15.75			
Gilligan, William P.				176.09	171.49	170.08
Gilman, Myrtle					12.52	
Grandchamp, Norbert A.						12.22
Grandchamp, Rose M.						12.22
Gray, George						72.06
Gray, George & Harry Jr.						186.37
Hall, Edward						12.46
Hall, Helen B.						12.46
Hall, Robert				25.70	49.30	24.85
Harte, Edward & Kendra					42.43	
Haskins, Carlton		1.11	16.35	12.71		
Haskins, Marguita		14.60	16.35	12.71		
Harrison, Patrick				12.47		
Haven, Harold & Lois					145.29	
Hennessesy, Louis			16.35	12.71	12.52	12.46
Hewitt, Edgar, Jr.	14.19					
Hewitt, Judith	14.19					
Hier, Anna			16.35		12.52	
Hier, Charles					12.52	
Hier, Gerald			16.35	12.47		
Hier, Sylvia			16.35	12.47		
Higgins, Helen M.						12.46
Higgins, Henry C.						12.46
Horton, Dolores					12.52	12.46
Horton, Harry E.					12.52	12.46
Hubbard, Donald T. & Wiomah B.				154.20		
Hyjek, Felix Jr.			16.35			
Hyjek, Marie			16.35			
Jakubiak, Stanley & Jennie					225.45	
Jankowski, Mary Sophia						84.37
Jarrosiak, Philip					12.52	12.46
Jarrosiak, Sandra					12.52	12.46
Johnson, Carol					12.28	12.22
Johnson, Celia					12.28	
Johnson, Edward & Gladys				249.00		

Jones, Griffith	12.79	14.60	16.35	.....	.....	.....
Jones, Joy Ann	.....	7.00	16.35	4.84	.....	.....
Kasmider, Helen	.....	4.60	16.35	12.71	.....	.....
Kasprzak, Mary	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.52	.....
Knapp, Floyd	.....	14.60	.....	.....	.....	.....
Knapp, Lydia C.	12.79	14.60	.....	.....	.....	.....
Knox, Carl, F.	7.79	14.60	.....	.....	.....	.....
Knox, Joan	.....	14.60	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kramarz, Mary & Nienaltowski Hele	.....	.....	102.10	110.51	107.72	106.85
Krakowka, Thomas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	125.85
Krakowka, Zoe E.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Krakowka, Thomas, Zoe B.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	161.52
LaFond, Reginald	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00
Larson, Lisa	.....	.....	.....	12.71	.....	.....
Larson, Marynard	.....	.....	.....	12.71	.....	.....
LaVictorie, Genevieve	.....	.....	.....	13.55	.....	.....
Lavoie, Wilfred A.	.....	.....	15.75	12.47	12.28	.....
LeBlanc, Wilford	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.28	.....
Lefevre, Richard & Sylvia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	358.34
Lever, Judith	12.79	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Levin, Mary S.	.....	.....	85.96	.....	.....	.....
Loomis, Harry J. & Maureen	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	93.26
Loso, Francis H.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.99
Macri, Patsy	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	91.64
Marchinkowski, Edward & Rose	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.23
Marchinkowski, Frank	9.19	16.10	17.75	.....	13.36	.....
Martindale, Dorothy	.....	.....	15.75	.....	.....	.....
Mason, Pat	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.52
McFee, Edward R.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.52
McFee, Edward	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80.16
McGeough, William J.	.....	16.10	.....	.....	.....	.....
McGeough, Barbara	.....	16.10	.....	.....	.....	.....
McIntyre, James E.	.....	.....	.....	13.55	13.36	.....
McLaughlin, Donald	12.79	14.60	16.35	12.71	12.52	12.46
McLaughlin, Howard	.....	.....	.....	12.71	12.52	12.46

McLaughlin, Rose	12.79	14.60	16.35	12.71	12.52	12.46
McLaughlin, Donald & Rose	.....	.....	.....	100.24	97.69	96.91
Mills, Harley & Halena	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.47	.47
Mitchell, Mark S.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.22
Moody, Willard	.....	14.60	16.35	.....	.....	.....
Morton, Craig	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.28
Mumford, James E.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
McCullough, Lillian O.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.22
McCullough, Roy L.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.22
Nartowicz, Joan	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.52	12.46
Nartowicz, Leona	.....	.....	15.75	.....	.....	12.22
Nartowicz, Stanley J.	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.52	12.22
Nienartowicz, Stanley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Oathout, Charles	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.28.	.....
O'Bryan, Joan E.	.....	.....	.....	12.71	12.52.	.....
Oliver, Dexter	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Oliver, Ruth A.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Pecor, Charles	.....	4.29	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pecor, James	.....	14.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pecor, William	.....	.....	.....	12.47	.....	.....
Peterson, Diane M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Peterson, John E.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Phillips, Howard	.....	.....	16.35	.....	.....	.....
Poczobut, Constance A.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Poczobut, Paul H.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Poczobut, Paul & Constance	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	365.29
Podlaski, Walter & Visi, Sophie	.....	116.50	137.65	.....	.....	.....
Pratt, David R. & Joyce M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36.07
Racine, Eva M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Radomski, Beatrice	12.79	.....	16.35	12.71	12.52	12.46
Razanowski, George	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.30
Razanowski, Shirley	.....	14.60	16.35	12.71	12.52	12.46
Razanowski, Vincent	.....	14.60	16.35	12.71	12.52	12.46
Rehm, Sophie	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.52	.....
Ryan, Carol A.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Ryan, Charles	.....	.....	.....	12.71	12.52	12.46
Ryan, Leona	.....	.....	.....	12.71	.....	.....

Ryan Vending Co.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37.27
Sankowski, Charles	.....	.....	15.75	.....	12.28	12.22
Senecal, Louis & Elaine	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40.50
Sienicki, Louis & Mary	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	186.37
Slater, John W.	12.79	.....	.....	.....	12.52	.....
Smith, Clayton	.....	.....	.....	12.71	.....	.....
Smith, Francis, W.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Smith, Mary	.....	.....	.....	12.71	.....	12.46
Smith, Natalie	.....	14.60	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stevens, Beatrice Est.	.....	.....	.....	.....	66.29	.....
Stevens, Charles W. & Lillian B.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	197.21
Stewart, Hildean	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.52	.....
Trepanier, Mary E.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Trepanier, William J.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Tuohy, Jennie Est.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54.07
Tuohy, Joseph	.....	.....	.....	12.71	12.52	.....
Urbano, Doris	.....	.....	.....	12.71	.....	.....
Vincent, Patricia	.....	14.60	.....	.....	.....	.....
Visi, Sophia	.....	11.10	17.75	.....	.....	.....
Wasik, Louis	.....	.....	.....	12.71	12.52	12.46
Wetherby, Bert	.....	3.26	16.35	12.71	12.52	12.46
Williams, Benjamin	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.52	12.46
Williams, Daniel D.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Williams, Frank J.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Williams, Janice	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.52	.....
Woods, Ralph	.....	.....	1.44	12.71	12.52	.....
Woods, Suzanne	.....	.....	16.35	12.71	12.52	.....
Worth, James	.....	.....	.....	26.99	.....	.....
Wright, Louis	12.79	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yatsik, Thomas E.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.46
Yatsik, Thomas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	113.03
Young, Margaret	.....	.....	107.45	.....	.....	.....
Young, Sandra J.	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.52	.....
	$376.55	$664.18	$1,147.70	$3,041.48	$2,327.15	$4,745.30

All Taxes become delinquent the day following due payment date.
Credit is given as payment received by Tax Collector after books closed.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 1969

Taxes Collected by Tax Collector	$5,422.22	Collected and Held by Tax Collector after accounts closed.	$98.10
Fire District Share	56.54		
Deposited in General Account	$5,365.68		

ALL UNCOLLECTED TAXES are subject to 6% interest from date they become delinquent.

WEST RUTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Forty-First Annual Report of the West Rutland Public Library - Year ending December 31st, 1969

Books -

In the library January 1st, 1969	8662
Number of books acquired during 1969	199
Number of books discarded during 1969	40
Number of books in the library Jan. 1, 1970	8821

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

Adult	5,060	
Juvenile	5,118	
	10,178	
Largest daily circulation		115
Smallest daily circulation		4
Average daily circulation		40
Number of registrations		95
Number of days open		253
Number of periodicals subscribed to		19
Number of daily newspapers		1
Number of books borrowed from Regional Library		680

The community rooms were used 112 times during the year by various clubs, organizations, and private parties.

Mary E. McGann, Librarian

WEST RUTLAND,FREE LIBRARY CORPORATION
WEST RUTLAND, VERMONT

For Year 1969

Receipts:

Cash on Hand, December 31, 1968		$ 252.55
Fletcher Proctor Fund	$1,500.00	
Town of West Rutland	4,556.85	
Fines	65.00	
Rents	210.00	
Lost Book	5.00	6,336.85
Total Receipts		$6,589.40

Expenses:

Wages	$2,567.12	
K. Sargeant	618.00	
Books	592.63	
Fuel	729.55	
Magazines	84.84	
Lights	207.87	
Payroll Taxes	100.95	
Insurance	261.00	
Water Rent	44.00	
Repairs	118.72	
Fixtures	113.80	
Rutland Herald	21.00	
Telephone	40.03	
Safety Deposit Box	5.00	
Miscellaneous	158.40	
Supplies	87.13	
Total Expenses		$5,750.04
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1969		839.36
		$6,589.40

ALERT !!! TAKE COVER !!!

Each week on Monday at 10:30 A.M., the Civil Defense whistle is tested. Please take notice that one week the whistle will reach high pitch and remain at that pitch for 3 minutes. This the alert signal. Then the following week, the whistle will go to high pitch and down again to only *3* times per minute. This is the 'take cover' signal. In any event, if you should hear the Siren blow and suspect that something is wrong, you may follow these suggestions.

1. Turn on your radio or television and listen for an emergency broadcast.
2. If you have no radio or television try to get information from your neighbors or people on the street.

In case of a pending disaster due to fallout from an atomic explosion, you must seek shelter from radiation. The time you have to reach shelter may vary from ½ hour to 3 hours or more. Here are more suggestions on what you could do.

1. The Kitchen Quarry of the Vermont Marble Co. is stocked with canned bread and cookies, Medical Kits and sanitation cans and has a 100% protection factor from radiation. This shelter can be used easily summer or *winter* and will hold 3,000 to 5,000 people.

2. If you leave your home to seek shelter, be sure to turn off all appliances or anything that could start a fire. You could leave your animals in the basement.

3. Be sure to bring all your *medications* you are normally required to take. Aspirin, etc. are also acceptable.

4. Dress as warm as you can and bring all the extra blankets, food, such as milk, oranges, canned meat, etc. that you can carry.

5. Walk toward the Vermont Marble Co. mills. Police will direct you to the shelter.

6. Shelter managers will lead you into the Quarry. You must follow the instructions of the shelter managers, even if you don't agree with them.

7. An Emergency Operation Center is located in the basement of the Town Hall. If you need to call this Center, call the Town Manager's number—2263.

8. If anyone is confined to their beds or needs help to reach a shelter, you should notify the town manager's office. This should be done before a disaster should strike.

9. All farm animals should be given the best cover they can get. Any protection is better than none.

If anyone has any questions, please contact your Civil Defense Chairman.

JOHN J. ORZELL
Town Chairman

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS AND PARKS

Receipts in Fiscal Year 1969 from the sale of stumpage on West Rutland State Forest lands in the town of West Rutland amounted to $344.78. A 10% yield tax of $34.48 was paid to the town of West Rutland by the Department of Forests and Parks. In addition to the above, an ad valorem tax of $66.19 was also paid to the town of West Rutland on July 1, 1969.

During the past fiscal year, the Department of Forests and Parks spent approximately $202.62 for repairs and maintenance on the State Forest roads in West Rutland. These roads are open to the public for their use and enjoyment.

Very truly yours,

DAVID C. BARTON

REPORT ON REGIONAL PLANNING

The Rutland Regional Planning Commission was created in March of 1967 and is now composed of 20 communities within Rutland County. There are 13 other similar bodies in the state. Basic reasons for formation were; to assist members in utilizing the Region's advantages and to encourage cooperation among themselves where it can be proven beneficial; to formulate a strong voice when speaking to state or federal governments; to secure technical help on planning related matters; to be eligible for certain grants; and to prepare studies and advisory plans for the orderly growth of the Region.

Representation is by one appointed Regular and/or Alternate Commissioner from each community regardless of physical size, wealth or population. The Town of West Rutland is represented by Smith Harner as Regular Commissioner and Carl Winer as Alternate. Open meetings are held once a month to discuss business and also work performed by the staff or consultant. These meetings have been rotated to different communities to emphasize the areawide philosophy of regional planning and to encourage individual participation.

The Commission embarked upon a two-year comprehensive planning project in July 1968 financed by a one-sixth assessment from members, a one-sixth grant from the State of Vermont and a two-thirds grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development's planning assistance program. In other words, a dollar of local money became six for planning purposes.

Completed to date are numerous maps of local interest, preliminary reports or discussions on economic base, population, housing, recreation, open space, finances, transportation, community facilities, model zoning and subdivision bylaws, a sketch plan, etc. In addition to these useful technical studies, the Commission has sponsored meetings of common interest, has aided individual communities in preparing plans, has helped in the adoption of interim zoning which gives temporary protection, has helped communities receive federal grants, has secured temporary waivers from the state sanitary landfill requirements, has set up an office, retained a staff and consultant, etc.

The RRPC will become even more important in the future as communities face the pressures of increased growth and need for services. An agency such as the RRPC, composed of *local* representatives can look to the future and help develop proper approaches to cope with change. Through coordinated and cooperative efforts, plus technical aid, local governments may be able to accelerate endeavors to control their destiny before it is done by higher levels of government.

The two-year planning project is scheduled for completion by June 30, 1970. Early in its deliberation, the RRPC members agreed, that to be effective, its function must be a continuing one. The present two-year comprehensive planning project will be useful only if it results in action. They also recognize that grants are being predicated more and more on the basis of areawide planning participation. In fact, the prerequisites which now apply only to a few programs will eventually apply to dozens.

In order to continue the work of the Commission beyond June 30, 1970, additional local funds will be needed to match other sources. The town should vote to continue membership as well as an appropriation. A vote for regional planning will mean that communities will continue to be eligible for a variety of federal grants, that the two-year planning project of inventory-analysis-plans will not be forfeited and that help will be available to implement appropriate plans and ideas.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for your past participation, to request your participation in the future and to invite you to visit the RRPC office at 12 Wales Street, Rutland, Vermont.

Sincerely,

RUSSELL L. MORGAN, Executive Director
Rutland Regional Planning Commission

DOG ACCOUNT – 1969

222 licenses issued at $2.00	$444.00
12 licenses issued at 3.00	36.00
23 licenses issued at 6.00	138.00
3 licenses issued at 9.00	27.00
2 licenses issued at 1.00	2.00
262	$647.00
Less Fees on 262 Dogs	196.50
Total remitted to Treasurer	$450.50

Attest,

V. A. Sevigny
Town Clerk

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE
Montpelier, Vermont

January 21, 1970

REPORT TO THE Town OF West Rutland

Last year this department initiated reporting to each town and city the amounts spent and people aided in each locality under the various programs of the Vermont Department of Social Welfare. This report replaced the previous annual notification to each town of the charges that had been assessed against their community for their share of State operated welfare programs. The enactment by the General Assembly of the Social Welfare Act of 1967 eliminated sharing in State welfare costs at the local level and consequently, the basis for this type of reporting to the towns.

This years report on amounts of money paid to money payment recipients in your town and monthly average number of recipients is for calendar year 1969 in contrast to the half year report made last year. In addition, we are able to report a full year of money spent for General Assistance and for the last six months of the year, the value of the

bonus food stamps given to residents of your town and the monthly average number of participants. General Assistance is the program that was formerly operated by your Overseer of the Poor. Your town's tabulation is as follows:

Program	Amount	Monthly Average Number of Recipients
AID TO THE AGED	14,596.00	14
AID TO THE BLIND		
AID TO THE DISABLED	2,968.00	4
AID TO NEEDY FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN	18,836.00	39
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	1,115.67	
BONUS FOOD STAMPS (6 months)	2,958.00	87

The above figures do not include money payment recipients residing in nursing homes or mental hospitals as there does not appear to be a fair way of assigning a town of residence to these people.

In addition, medical vendor payments for the calendar year 1969 totaled over $11,000,000.00 (more than 1/3 of all department expenditures) and payments in behalf of committed children totaled over $1,000,000.00 for a monthly average of 1480 children. No doubt, residents of your community were numbered among those who benefited by these expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul R. Philbrook
Deputy Commissioner

VERMONT STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT, 1969

This is a report to the residents of your town describing the health services which have been rendered during the state fiscal year July 1, 1968, through June 30, 1969. These services are carefully planned so that maximum benefit may be gained from each tax dollar. For instance, one clinic may serve many towns if the number of patients is small. On the other hand, when a service is needed in a town or city, we make every effort to provide it.

I invite you to discuss this report with your friends and health officer and I would welcome any impressions which you care to forward to me.

The following is a list of some of the health services to the residents of West Rutland.

Attendance at State Public Health nurse sponsored well-child conferences and Immunization Clinics	170
Number of children given pediatric consultations or hospital diagnostic services	-
Number of children served at the child development clinic	-
Number of children aided at handicapped children's clinics for speech, hearing, orthopedic, plastic, neurological, or cardiac problems	12
Dental health education: number of children served in schools	-
People x-rayed for tuberculosis detection	42
People x-rayed for occupational diseases	25
Attendance at tumor clinics	1
Attendance at diabetes clinics or physician screening for diabetes	20
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping-cough immunizations	141
Polio immunizations	-
Smallpox immunizations	51
Measles immunizations	2
Number of water samples tested (private & public supplies)	34
Blood specimens tested (pre-marital, pre-natal, and other)	58
Other laboratory specimens	34
Sanitary inspections, consultations (food & lodging, camps)	33
Water, sewage disposal, public buildings & other inspections	12
Medical Care Services: nutrition and dietary consultations, inspections and consultations to hospitals, nursing homes, homes for the aged, and home health service agencies	11
Public Health Nurse visits	91
Number served by Public Health Nurse visits	29

Respectfully submitted,
R. B. Aiken, M.D., M.P.H.
Commissioner of Health

ANNUAL REPORT
January 1, 1969 - December 31, 1969

RUTLAND COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

The end of December is a good time to stop and look at what has been going on in the past year and to plan for the new season. The Rutland County Mental Health Service has made some major changes in the past year. Staff has increased from 12 to 31. Programs have expanded and new services were added. Plans are underway to move to larger quarters in a few months. From an out-patient, consultation agency, it has developed into a comprehensive community mental health center. In January, 1969, one nurse was employed, today there are 11. Federal funding has greatly facilitated this growth.

The new services added are in-patient psychiatric hospitalization, offered in conjunction with the Rutland Hospital; emergency, 24 hour crises service, (telephone number 775-1000); a partial hospitalization program located at the Qahal Coffee House in Rutland and Gregory's in North Clarendon; mental retardation pre-school training, located at St. Joseph The Provider College, and in Fair Haven and Danby.

At the same time, direct out-patient service showed a substantial increase. Marital and family counseling, psychological testing, group and individual psychotherapy were provided to 843 Rutland County families as compared to 667 last year; 6,000 individual interviews and 112 group sessions were conducted as compared to 5,585 and 71 respectively last year. The after-care service helped 120 returning Waterbury Hospital patients find jobs, homes and security in Rutland County. The Youth Activity program provided a wholesome recreational outlet to 150 (44 last year) children in need of individual attention. Big Brother-Big Sister program increased from 100 to 171 children seen on a regular weekly basis. School consultation expanded to cover Poultney, Proctor, West Rutland, Rutland Town this year. Psychiatric consultation to physicians jumped from 82 to 122 with the advent of Dr. James Todd to the staff in July.

1969 was a busy year and 1970 promises to be even busier. Although difficult to assess, it is estimated that the Rutland County Mental Health Service is meeting 50 to 60 percent of the mental health needs of the county, a very good percentage in reference to the rest of the county but still far short of the goal of serving the mental health needs of Rutland County.

Philip Powers
Executive Director

FINANCIAL REPORT
Fire District #1 West Rutland, Vermont

Cash on Hand December 1, 1968		$ 2,263.89
Water Rents	$15,666.81	
Current Taxes	7,979.75	
Delinquent Taxes	88.10	
Delinquent Water Rents	669.44	
Misc. Labor, Materials, etc.	490.20	
Loans	20,000.00	
Outside Fires	1,357.84	
Refunds	39.60	
Advertising & Rentals	150.93	
	$46,442.69	$46,442.69
		$48,706.56
	Less Disbursements	45,628.30
	Cash Available	$ 3,078.26

UNCOLLECTED WATER RENTS

	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Frank Marchinkowski	$38.00	$38.00	$38.00	$38.00	$
Sophie Visi	15.50	15.50	15.50		
Paul Poczbut			38.00	38.00	48.00
Louis Sienicki			20.50	20.50	25.50
Donald McLaughlin				52.50	45.00
Thos. Tuohey Estate			20.50	20.50	
J. Urbano			20.50		
Gordon Brown			20.50	20.50	
Harold Haven				38.00	
Philip Jarrosak				20.50	
Thos. & Zoa Krokowka				17.50	22.50
Wm. Trepanier				20.50	25.50
Lloyd Gagnon					25.50
Edw. Marchinkowski					25.50
Leo Abramski					43.00
Total $827.50	$53.50	$53.50	$173.50	$286.50	$260.50

The amounts of Fire District #1, as rendered, have been checked and found correct as of December 15, 1969.

Mary St. Louis
Kenneth Handley
Auditors

REPORT OF WEST RUTLAND FIRE DISTRICT #1

December 31, 1968 through November 30, 1969

C.V. Public Service Corp.-Service	$1,491.44
N.E.T. & T-Services	464.98
Jack Tanner-Labor	1,132.00
Jos. Skaza Sr.-Labor, Backhoe & Tractor	4,677.00
Monroe Wholesale-Supplies	316.29
Jos. Skaza Jr.-Labor	1,696.00
Edw. Fabian - Compressor	288.50
Green Mt. - Rentals	62.00
Stanley Krempa - Labor	94.00

Rutland City Treas. - Rentals	10.00
A. Lebo - Repairs	30.00
A & J Auto Parts - Supplies	9.00
A. Fabian & Son - Trucking	14.00
Francis Cain - Services	409.00
Kulig Fuels - Supplies	610.98
Offset Printing Co.	41.08
N. LaVecher - Labor	28.00
Layne N.E. Co. - Contract	50.00
Town of W. Rutland - Tax Reports, Statements, Civil Defense	222.00
Town of W. Rutland - Coldpatch	10.50
Vt. Firefighters - Dues	30.00
Eastman's - Record Book	6.10
H.R. Prescott & Son - Supplies	556.26
Vt. Motor Vehicle Dept. - Registration	14.00
Vt. Marble Co. - Supplies	23.00
Bove & McGinnis - Insurance	64.40
St. Johnsbury Trucking	4.85
Novak Printing Co. - Services	24.75
Town or Ira - Taxes	82.15
Ray Maloney - Tapping	120.00
Val Drzewiczewski - Labor	132.00
Diamond Bleach Co. - Chlorine	120.40
Patterson Industries - Parts	113.43
R. C. Thrall - Repairs	40.89
Green Mt. Paving Co. - Paving	1,100.00
Oakman Elec. Co. - Supplies	5.49
Rutland Gas Utility Co. - Compressor	99.75
John Tade - Labor	159.00
Water Meter Service - Chlorine	18.80
Jos. Czachor - Supplies	360.04
Hilco Supply Co. Highland Ave. - Supplies	2,186.41
David Deane - Supplies	425.28
State of Vt. - Social Security	239.78
Maxim Motors - Supplies	116.23
Mobile Maintenance - Services	72.40
Marcel Wallett - Labor	33.50

Canney & Plue - Supplies	5.80
Ctr. Rutland Garage - Thawing	40.00
Dr. F. Smolinski - Tests	75.00
John Markowski - Labor	158.00
Potters Garage - Services	66.55
Rutland Auto Elec. - Services	49.70
Donald McLaughlin - Labor	334.00
Anthony Rajda - Labor	145.50
Stage Coach Farm - Labor & Trucking	142.50
Jos. Czachor Agency - Insurance	294.00
M. D'Angelio - Tapping	250.00
Geo. Caldwell - Supplies	313.64
C. A. Turner Co. - Supplies	67.54
Eddies Gulf Service - Supplies	131.61
Corcorans Auto Co. - Supplies	78.70
Diamond National - Supplies	72.94
Hedland Motor Sales - Supplies	51.20
W.C. Landon Co. - Supplies	192.37
Mintzer Bros. - Supplies	200.57
Auditing & Typing	65.00
Sevigny's Pharmacy - Supplies	22.31
Rutland Herald - Advertising	9.84
R & S Offset	40.00
L & C Municipal Sales - Supplies	651.20
Kinney, Pike, Bell & Connors - Insurance	314.00
U.S. Pipe & Foundry Co. - Supplies	3,450.49
H. A. Manning Co. - Services	46.06
West Rutland Esso - Supplies	44.95
Stanley Brzozza - Salary	509.12
S. E. Smith - Supplies	1.10
Gene Machain - Welding	10.00
C. Petraglia - Services	5.00
Tony Miglorie - Repairs	294.50
Chester Godrick - Trucking	28.00
Rutland Hospital - Photostats	2.28
Hartford Insurance Agency - Insurance	280.75
Johnson Bldg. Co. - Supplies	207.81

Lampheres Store - Supplies	9.71
Postmaster - Supplies	4.00
F. Bruno - Firemen's Salaries $2,000.00; Outside Fires $400.00	2,400.00
Proctor Trust - Interest, Notes & Equipment Fund	15,249.22
Red Phones - 5	250.00
Jos. Chruscial - Pruc. Comm. Chairman Salary	100.00
Postage, Mileage, etc.	21.61
Labor	966.00
Wm. Harvey 3rd. - Salary	50.00
Jos. Zawistowski - Salary	30.00
Frank Mumford - Salary	40.00
TOTAL ORDERS DRAWN	$45,628.30

APPROXIMATE DISTRIBUTION OF DISBURSEMENTS

Labor and Supplies	$6,380.15
Reservoir	955.18
Pumping	1,828.60
Firemen's Salaries & Equipment	4,559.94
Equipment Savings Acct.	1,150.00
Interest and Loans	14,098.86
Insurance and Taxes	368.78
Highland Avenue Project	12,022.57
High and Ross Sts. Project	1,699.37
Fire Station Repairs	1,705.42
Salaries and Supplies	859.43
	$45,628.30

RECORD OF VITAL STATISTICS 1969

Births

Name of Child	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Dennis Joseph Amsden	Apr. 21	Rutland	James Amsden	Catherine Orticari
Elizabeth Ann Burns	Feb. 27	Rutland	Joseph Burns	Frances Kantorski
Lynn Marie Callahan	Mar. 19	Rutland	Joseph Callahan	Helen Jankowski
Robert Daniel Cassidy	Dec. 17	Rutland	Robert Cassidy	Patricia Larsen
William Anthony Chioffi	Jan. 25	Rutland	Donald Chioffi	Marcia Tumielewicz
Alice Marie Crossman	Jan. 29	Rutland	Gordon Crossman, Sr.	Nancy Lord
Job Andrew Davis	Mar. 9	Rutland	James Davis	Elizabeth Peterson
Patricia Jean Delpha	Mar. 13	Rutland	David Delpha	Eleanor Reynolds
Karen Marie Doty	Oct. 22	Rutland	Clifford Doty	Nancy Bombard
Julie Ann Edmunds	Mar. 12	Rutland	Clarence Edmunds	Ann Bartholomew
Walter Francis Fabian III	Jan. 5	Rutland	Walter Fabian, Jr.	Mary Stuart
Lori Ann Galarneau	Feb. 10	Rutland	Francis Galarneau	Verma Kilburn
Rebecca Kay Gilligan	Jan. 23	Rutland	James Gilligan	Cecile LaFond
Donna Jean Hall	Feb. 14	Rutland	Herman Hall	Helen Lewis
Michele Lee Harte	Dec. 8	Rutland	Thomas Harte	Linda Benham
John Michael Harvey	Jan. 2	Rutland	William Harvey, III	Margaret Reil
Jonathan Illinski	Mar. 3	Rutland	Michael Illinski, Jr.	Beverly Fernett
Lisa Marie Marchinkoski	May 9	Rutland	John Marchinkoski	Janet Baron
Tricia Ann McAllister	Nov. 29	Rutland	Garth McAllister	Merla McKeown
Gregory Charles Moscatello	Nov. 10	Rutland	Charles Moscatello, Jr.	Jean Gregory
Christine Ann O'Bryan	Mar. 12	Rutland	Michael O'Bryan	Joan Fisher
Timothy Raymond Pluta	Feb. 18	Rutland	Raymond Pluta	Margaret Quinn

Michelle Lynn Ponto	Mar. 12	Rutland	Harold Ponto	Janet Stomper
Teresa Marie Razanouski	Apr. 14	Rutland	Vincent Razanouski	Shirley Burney
Michael Francis Reczek	Oct. 8	Rutland	Francis Reczek	Maria Boccei
Ronald Robert Romig	Dec. 17	Rutland	William Romig	Betty Keich
Jessica Lynn Smith	Jan. 14	Rutland	Larry Smith	Sharon Fredette
Karen Mary Smolinski	Jan. 2	Rutland	Frank Smolinski, Jr.	Dolores Tumielewicz
Jeremy Richard Trombley	Nov. 18	Rutland	Maxwell Trombley	Sherry Jones
Anthony Joseph Tyminski	Oct. 9	Rutland	Leo Tyminski	Joanne Wood
James Anthony Urbano, III	Sept. 16	Rutland	James Urbano, Jr.	Carol Bartlett
Jason Hughes Wincuinas	Dec. 7	Rutland	John Wincuinas	Caroyl Perry

DEATHS – 1969

Name	Age	Date of Death	Place of Death	Residence
Peter A. Alexander	57	Oct. 26	Rutland	West Rutland
Chris R. Bishop	5	July 4	Rutland	West Rutland
Lucille B. Bishop	75	June 15	Rutland	West Rutland
Florence Bloomer	75	Dec. 22	Rutland	West Rutland
Bonnie Sue Brown	5	Feb. 20	Burlington	West Rutland
Marion A. Broza	57	April 19	West Rutland	West Rutland
Elizabeth Ann Burns	14 hrs.	Feb. 27	Rutland	West Rutland
Ellen F. Campbell	83	Sept. 14	Rutland	West Rutland
Vida E. Cole	66	Jan. 7	Rutland	West Rutland
Charles Conlon	61	July 13	Brattleboro	West Rutland
Germaine Cornelius	66	Oct. 11	West Rutland	West Rutland
Eva S. Cote	73	June 8	Rutland	West Rutland
Leona D. Curtis	42	Jan. 15	West Rutland	West Rutland

Mary (Rumok) Czachor	84	May 1	West Rutland	West Rutland
Edith G. Dodge	87	June 13	Rutland	West Rutland
Mary M. Dandrow	81	May 6	Rutland	West Rutland
Henry Donais	28	Aug. 16	West Rutland	Easthampton, Mass.
Marguerite R. Dwyer	72	Sept. 12	West Rutland	West Rutland
Catherine Albus Elwert	79	June 17	West Rutland	Rutland
Blanche M. Fields	53	Mar. 30	Rutland	West Rutland
Della K. Fish	87	Oct. 21	Rutland	West Rutland
Julius Gertowski	94	Oct. 4	Rutland	West Rutland
Theodore P. Giebutowski	57	Apr. 21	Burlington	West Rutland
Steve J. Godleski	76	Mar. 8	Rutland	West Rutland
Sophie Godzik	49	Feb. 24	Rutland	West Rutland
Simon Gulbush	79	Sept. 19	Brattleboro	West Rutland
Harry C. Hinckley	83	Nov. 28	Rutland	West Rutland
Francis E. Horton	3	Nov. 11	Rutland	West Rutland
Fanny H. Kallio	78	July 23	Rutland	West Rutland
Michael J. Kuzyk	79	Oct. 3	Rutland	West Rutland
Susan E. Laakso	22	Aug. 16	West Rutland	Fitchburg, Mass.
Henry LaFond	71	Aug. 15	Rutland	West Rutland
Joseph LaPlaca	78	June 15	Rutland	West Rutland
James Logan	72	May 25	Rutland	West Rutland
James K. McCarthy	73	Apr. 4	Rutland	West Rutland
Valentine Michulka	90	Feb. 3	Rutland	West Rutland
Fritz G. Olson	75	Mar. 8	Waterbury	West Rutland
Antonette S. Orzell	73	Sept. 2	Rutland	West Rutland
Agnes Oczechowski	70	Aug. 15	Rutland	West Rutland
Peter Oczechowski (Oskoski)	82	Nov. 21	West Rutland	West Rutland
John Simon Poczobut	81	Aug. 12	West Rutland	West Rutland
Joseph Radomski	76	Apr. 6	Rutland	West Rutland

William A. Rice	85	May 1	West Rutland	Rutland
Alex Rydewski	87	May 18	Rutland	West Rutland
Clayton J. Smith	68	Jan. 2	West Rutland	West Rutland
Peter S. Strzelec	76	June 13	West Rutland	West Rutland
Mary R. Wallace	84	Oct. 3	Rutland	West Rutland
Edwin C. Weinreber	71	July 17	Rutland	West Rutland
Charles E. Wetmore	77	Nov. 30	Rutland	West Rutland
Ida M. Wilson	97	May 27	West Rutland	Rutland
Bertha J. Wing	96	Jan. 8	Rutland	West Rutland
Charles Woods	52	Oct. 2	Rutland	West Rutland

MARRIAGES – 1969

Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence	Place of Marriage
John S. Armstrong	Lancaster, N.H.	Bernice F. Brooks	Lancaster, N.H.	West Rutland
Robert Joseph Bishop	Rutland	Nancy Bruce	West Rutland	West Rutland
William Bows, Jr.	Brockton, Mass.	Rhoda Luther	Brockton, Mass.	Rutland
Nelson P. Burke	West Rutland	Janene Beasley	West Rutland	West Rutland
Robert E. Brown	Evan Mills, N.Y.	Patricia Kaszuba	West Rutland	West Rutland
Thomas C. Butler	Rutland	Raye J. Duprey	West Rutland	Mendon
Conrad L. Cheney	West Rutland	Barbara Kent	Hydeville	Rutland
John G. DeLong	Rutland	Susan J. Smith	West Rutland	Castleton
Norman C. Desjardins	Rutland	Carol A. Johnson	West Rutland	Rutland
Michael R. Fleming	West Rutland	Sandra M. Wilk	Center Rutland	Rutland
Robert C. Foster	West Rutland	Patricia M. Peters	Rutland	Rutland
James B. Fuller	West Rutland	Deanna M. Considine	Rutland	Rutland

Kenneth F. Grabowski	West Rutland	Jean F. Pietryka	West Rutland	West Rutland
Raymond J. Guillemette	Meriden, Conn.	Myrle H. Duprey	Meriden, Conn.	Rutland
Richard A. Hebert	Rutland	Christine A. Carlson	West Rutland	Rutland
Robert J. Higgins, Jr.	West Rutland	Jean M. Boutin	Williamstown	Williamstown
Adrian J. Megrath	West Rutland	Mary R. Krakowka	West Rutland	West Rutland
Wayne W. Parker	West Rutland	Deanna E. Mytych	Rutland	Rutland
Robert M. Pietryka	West Rutland	Esther M. Carlson	West Rutland	West Rutland
Alec J. Potowniak	West Rutland	Mary A. Jones	Manchester	West Rutland
Thomas S. Sabotka	West Rutland	Janice A. Duby	Rutland	Rutland
Robert E. Sampson	Revere, Mass.	Catherine A. Zawistoski	West Rutland	West Rutland
Thomas P. Sheehan	West Rutland	Linda A. McCormack	West Rutland	West Rutland
Robert M. Smolinski	West Rutland	Dorothy A. Goulette	Rutland	Castleton
Robert R. Stephens	Essex, Mass.	Theresa M. Taggart	West Rutland	West Rutland
Rodney E. Therrien	Shrewsbury	Linda L. Marchinkowski	West Rutland	Rutland

WEST RUTLAND
REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I herewith submit my first annual report as Superintendent of Schools to the taxpayers of West Rutland.

Many new educational projects were begun in West Rutland with the enthusiastic participation of the administrators, teachers, school board members and citizens.

The profits from good education are diffused throughout the whole school population and the benefits reached are tangible. As each student shares his knowledge with his family, his town government, his state and country, he displays a positive manipulative factor held in his own mind and heart. By aligning skill and ambition, he may carry his mental resources and convert them to cash and personal ambition. Therefore the basic philosophy behind every new program is that each pupil will gain from the experience and eventually put this gain to profitable use.

During the summer months, the school plant was repaired, completely painted and Educational TV was installed throughout the building. In August a two day teacher orientation program was instituted, designed specifically for the new members of the teaching staff. They were introduced to the educational philosophy and the operation of the school. As a result, the transition from summer free time to school work was done more smoothly and at a faster rate.

A new Latin I program was inserted into the curriculum this year. The language is being taught by an audio-lingual concept-tapes, records and reading materials–instead of the straight textbook approach. A valuable feature of this approach is that each pupil is able to learn the language, whether or not is is a capable reader and he can learn at his own rate of comprehension.

The English department has continued and expanded on emphasis on drama and the theatre. A film course, supported by a Title grant (federal funds) was started for the purpose of studying and making

films as a means of creative communication. The Art curriculum now includes three dimensional art (sculture, wood carving, etc.), graphic arts and art appreciation (field trips, museum trips, etc.) for seventh and eighth students. These courses were introduced so that the pupils will be trained, to a degree, in divergent creative thinking; that is the willingness and ability to present something new and unusual and to be tolerant of others doing likewise.

In addition to the Cooperative Work project that has been a feature of the Business Education Department, a Work Experience Program has been implemented. Geared toward juniors and seniors whose continued high school education is in question, this project lets them work part of the school year so that they may gain information and a basic understanding of job opportunities in business and industry.

A teacher self-assessment workshop has been programmed for two afternoons during the remainder of the school year. The consultant fees will be absorbed by the Action Center IV (federally funded) located in Center Rutland. Teachers want to evaluate their situation in the classroom because of the dimensions of a rapidly changing social, political, scientific and cultural society has brought to modern education.

Possibly the most educationally exciting project to be implemented in West Rutland is the Learning Disabilities Program for under-achievers in school work. Approximately 15% to 25% of the pupils have physical, mental, psychological or sociological malfunctions, either separately or in combination with one another. The purpose of the Learning Disabilities Program is to diagnose and remediate the problems encountered by these pupils through a team of specialists. (Mrs.) Virginia Towle is coordinator of the project and parents, administrators, teachers, physical education personnel and guidance people have been oriented toward the child with these problems so that the pupil may overcome his difficulties.

Having a co-partnership with Rutland Mental Health and the tying together of three different sources of money federal (Title I), state (Learning Disabilities) and local–makes the Rutland Central

Supervisory Union's Learning Disabilities Program unique in the State of Vermont.

The elementary educational curriculum will have to be assessed because of state law. Parents, faculty and students will be called upon to help with the assessment of the existing program. It is hoped, that from this study a design and an improved elementary program for West Rutland will be started in the near future.

With all the innovative approaches that have been introduced to the educational process in West Rutland, there still are many *needs* that have to be corrected. Namely, 1) the industrial arts facilities and program has to be expanded, 2) the library needs more space, materials, and equipment so it may become a learning resource center, 3) a remedial program is needed for secondary students, 4) a general increase in electives throughout the secondary curriculum would be most desirable, 5) and because of increasing school population on extension of classroom space is urgent.

Portable classrooms will alleviate part of the present problem but in actuality a new high school in conjunction with other towns will be able to provide for modern facilities and an exciting flexible all-round curriculum for each and every student.

The importance of sound education was never greater than it is today. As a result of the large number of pupils applying for college admission, colleges can be much more selective than ever before. The opportunities open to those prepared for them become greater in this world of rapid scientific advancement. While the opportunities offered the high school and college graduate, respectively, are not the same, the former faces greater competition and needs preparation to meet it with success.

The proportion of people with less than four years of high school declined from 62% to 49% in the decade 1956 to 1966. During that time the proportion of college graduates increased from 9% to 13%. Whether annual income figures or lifetime earnings are considered, one

fact is certain - percentage increases in income vary directly with the degree of education a person has.

What is a better way to invest the taxpayers' dollars than in the young people of today through a good modern education?

In closing this report, I express my appreciation to the West Rutland School Directors, the administrators, teachers and custodial staff, town officials and the citizens for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard F. Zani

ANNUAL REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE
1969-1970

On January 27, 1969, audiogram testing was completed on all students.

Health records are kept for each child and parents are notified of any defects.

On February 3, 1969, I started individual testing at the Main St. School.

On February 28, 1969, an Oral Sabin Clinic was held at St. Stanislous School. The following immunizations were given: 62 Trivalent boosters, 8 Type I and 5 Type III.

A make-up clinic was held the same day at the Main St. School; 22 Trivalent boosters, 1 Type I, 10 Type III, and 1 Type II were administered. The clinics were held under the supervision of Public Health Nurse Mrs. Nancy Davis, with assistance by Mrs. Esther Nelson, School Nurse.

On March 20, 1969, audiometric testing of all students at Main St. and St. Stanislous School were completed.

On March 24, 1969, audiometric testing was started at the Kindergarten. A make-up Oral Sabin clinic was held at St. Stanislous on March 26. The following immunizations were given: 2 Type I; 2 Type II; 5 Type III, and 5 Trivalent boosters.

Audiometric testing at the Kindergarten was completed on April 1.

Juniors and seniors were weighed and measured on April 10 through April 22.

An Oral Sabin clinic was held on April 23. Seven Type II, 2 Type III, and 1 Trivalent booster were given.

From April 24 to April 29, grades 1 through 6 were weighed and measured.

On April 30, Dr. Congdon spoke to some of the students on the reproduction of humans.

Grades 7 and 8 were weighed and measured on May 5 and 6.

May 7, 8 and 13 marked the completion of checking grades 1 through 8 at St. Stanislous.

The permanent records for the Main St. School were completed on May 21.

The re-checking of eyes occurred at St. Stanislous on May 22. Ten children were in need of glasses; 7 have procured glasses.

The checking of freshmen and sophomores was completed on May 26.

Records for St. Stanislous School were completed on June 5.

On June 10, I attended a lecture at the Rutland Hospital, where the speaker was Dr. Margaret Waddington. Her subject was "Seizures."

School opened with a full session on September 3. There were 623 students registered at the Main St. School, St. Stanislous School and the Kindergarten.

Permission slips for vitamins were sent home on September 4. Vitamins were distributed to grades 1 through 6 on September 8. The same day permission slips were sent home at St. Stanislous School.

Vitamins are furnished to all children in the public school; any child receives these vitamins if his parents so desire. The vitamins are purchased by the Parent-Teacher Organization. St. Stanislous pupils pay for their vitamins. Pre-school children also have the advantage of these vitamins.

Individual audiometric testing of grade 1 was completed on September 15.

On September 19, permission slips for the dental program were sent home for the Kindergarten, and grades 1 through 8 for the Main St. School and St. Stanislous School.

The completion of audiogram testing for grades 1 through 4 occurred on September 24, 25, and October 3.

The dental program started on October 6, with Mrs. Margaret Randall, R. D. H. as our dental hygienist.

On October 8, grades 2 and 4 were weighed and measured.

Audiogram testing in grades 5 and 6 was completed on October 14 and 15.

I attended a Nurses' Meeting in Burlington on October 17. Dr. Carlton Marshall was the speaker.

Audiometric testing of grade 2 pupils was completed on November 3 and 4.

Our first hepatitis case was reported on November 3.

Audiogram testing in the Kindergarten was completed on November 7 and 11. One child was discovered to have a hearing loss. The parents were notified, and the situation has been corrected.

On November 20, a clinic was held at the Main St. School. Dr. Emelie Perkins was the attending physician. Mrs. Charlotte Steele and Miss Marion Segale, Public Health Nurses, and Mrs. Esther Nelson, School Nurse, assisted. Helpers were Mrs. Leonard DiGangi and Mrs. Chester Godrick. There were 10 physicals, 13 diphtheria, and tetanus boosters, and 4 diphtheria and tetanus Type II. Ten parents were present.

A second clinic was held at the Main St. School on November 21. The attending physician was Dr. Emelie Perkins. Assistants were Miss Marion Segale, Public Health Nurse, and Mrs. Esther Nelson, School Nurse. Mrs. Robert Kupferer was the helper. There were four physicals, 4 diphtheria and tetanus boosters, and one diphtheria and tetanus Type II. Four parents were present. There were no vaccinations administered because of the prevalence of mumps. Clinics have been cancelled until later on because of the mumps epidemic.

Individual audiometric testing was completed in grades 3, 4, and 5, on November 24, and 25.

On December 3, 4, 5, and 9, individual audiogram testing was completed at St. Stanislaus School. One child had a hearing loss; the parents were notified.

Individual audiometric testing, also weighing and measuring, was completed in grades 1 and 2 on December 11 and 12.

On December 16 and 18, individual audiometric testing, also weighing and measuring, was completed in grade 6.

Individual audiogram testing was completed in grades 7 and 8 on January 6 and 8, 1970.

School conferences are held under the supervision of the Vermont Department of Health.

Children hurt during the school session who require a doctor's care or x-rays, have been taken care of by the school nurse.

There have been many cases of mumps; colds, grippe, and sore throats have also been prevalent.

Fifty home calls were made, and there were numerous phone contacts.

Following is the Dental Program report.

Main St. Cleaning and Fluoride, 88; cleaning, 12
St. Stanislaus. Cleaning and Fluoride, 48; cleaning, 12
Kindergarten. Cleaning and Fluoride, 25
High School. Cleaning and Fluoride, 3; cleaning, 2
Pre-School. Cleaning and Fluoride, 18; cleaning, 4

Mrs. Esther Nelson, R.N.
School Nurse
Truant Officer

WEST RUTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT – CASH RECEIPTS
JULY 1, 1968 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1969

Current Taxes		$217,325.49
Proctor Trust Co., Note		46,200.00
Tuitions:		
Tinmouth	$6,577.28	
Town of Rutland	289.41	
Ira	15,050.00	
Clarendon	7,869.35	
Middletown Spa.	5,330.75	
Caporale	425.00	
Marcy	650.00	36,191.79
State Aid		66,116.00
State of Vt., S 510		3,138.17
State of Vt., Vocational Trans.		987.00
Nationwide Ins., Bus Battery		27.65
Refund - Duplicate Pymt.		16.10
Refund - Horace Mann Ins.		38.40
St. of Vt., Driver Training		1,593.15
St. of Vt., Language & Communication		1,000.00
General Account, Loan		20,000.00
Kindergarten Supplies		99.40
Proctor Trust Co., Loan		20,000.00
1969 Tax Advance		10,000.00
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS		$422,733.15

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' ORDERS DRAWN
July 1, 1968 to December 31, 1969

Name and Purpose		Amount
Payroll		$96,649.20
Rosemary Johnson, Secretary		1,595.50
Substitute Teachers:		
Julia Higgins	$230.00	
Julia McCarthy	170.00	
Diane Stenroos	110.00	
Carol Ann Krupp	20.00	
Marian Bell	40.00	
Jeanne McVeigh	80.00	
Mrs. Chas. Davies	120.00	
Mrs. Paula Loughridge	40.00	
Mrs. Irving White	100.00	
Mary Ann Egan	240.00	
Kathy Kynoski	100.00	1,250.00
Jos. Zawistowski, Driver Training		959.00
Custodians:		
Stanley Jakubowski	81.40	
Stanley Grabowski	1,687.45	
Stanley Pietryka	1,769.23	
Joseph Gallant	138.00	3,676.08
Stanley Pietryka, Extra Main.		151.25
Joseph Gallant, Patrol		237.00
Painting:		
Sam Cotrupi	847.50	
Joseph Gallant	1,108.00	1,955.50
Harold DeDoming, Trans. Voc. Students		834.00
New School Bus		7,286.00
School Bus Expenses:		
Gas & Oil	305.07	
Rental	897.70	
Parts & Repairs	341.60	1,544.37
Title III		405.00
Rubbish Collection		86.00
Piano Rental & Tuning		30.85

Lumber - Shop	40.46
Achievement Tests	532.00
Stanley Brzoza, Treas.	1,000.00
Band & Music	32.42
Superintendent's Office	6,006.50
Englehardt & Englehardt	3,500.00
Student Scheduling, GE	338.30
Special Election, Kindergarten	244.78
Proctor Trust Co., Interest	73.34
Proctor Trust Co., Interest (H&V)	1,605.02
Youth Corps	64.40
Learning Disability Program	150.00
Water Rent	159.13
Regina Jakubowski, Census	77.90
Property Insurance	44.00
Hospitalization Insurance	892.52
Social Security	6,595.89
Workmen's Comp. Insurance	171.60
Lawnmower Pymt.	238.00
Mrs. Bartlett, Garage Rental, Tractor	20.00
Fence	94.90
Dept. of Education, Spec. Students	1,066.00
Bus Insurance	132.40
Nurse, Travel Expense	16.20
Lights	1,124.20
Telephone	500.30
Fuel	1,591.29
Contracted Bldg. Repairs	2,182.52
Instructional Equipment	8,112.59
Student Activity Expense	446.80
Dues	325.70
Sports Equipment	362.20
Police Patrol	42.00
Health Equipment	574.50
Sander Rental & Paint for School	615.59
Building Equipment	724.11
Rutland Herald, Advertising	31.78
Office Supplies	287.65

Repair of Instruct. Equipment		464.12
Admin. Expense		574.49
Admin. Travel Expense		315.43
Misc. Instruct. Expense		141.32
Teaching Supplies		7,522.34
Textbooks		1,736.60
Audio Visual Teach. Aids		662.59
Custodial Supplies		1,034.39
Driver Training Car Expenses		108.84
Graduation Expenses		152.65
Library		1,656.84
Bldg. Equip. Repairs		666.24
TOTAL ORDERS DRAWN		$171,712.59
Proctor Trust Co.	$30,000.00	
Heating & Ventilating	61,600.00	91,600.00
		$263,312.59
Cash Balance as of July 1, 1968		5,190.38
Cash Receipts		352,146.35
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE		$357,336.73
Less Total Disbursements		263,312.59
CASH BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1969		$94,024.14

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' ORDERS DRAWN
January 1, 1969 to June 30, 1969

Name and Purpose		Amount
Payroll		$109,404.87
Rosemary Johnson, Secretary		1,511.90
Substitute Teachers:		
Jeanne McVeigh	$20.00	
Mrs. Chas. Davies	150.00	
Anne Daley	400.00	
Julia McCarthy	260.00	
Mrs. Paula Loughridge	60.00	
Mrs. Doris White	20.00	
Marian Bell	90.00	
Julia Higgins	60.00	
Theresa Salengo	200.00	
Kathy Kynoski	160.00	
Patricia Broza	20.00	
Mary Ann Egan	20.00	
Mary Fregosi	200.00	
Marian Johnson	20.00	
Esther Carlson	80.00	
Mrs. Leon Orvis	40.00	
Robert Prenevost	60.00	
Mary Tomasi	480.00	
Mrs. Douglas Parker	180.00	
Mrs. Winona Sullivan	100.00	
Margaret McDevitt	40.00	
Mrs. Hugh Onion	40.00	
Grayce Groonell	40.00	2,740.00
Jos. Zawistowski, Driver Training		1,449.00
Custodians:		
Stanley Grabowski	2,924.55	
Stanley Pietryka	3,052.50	
Joseph Gallant	66.00	
Students, Extra Maint.	179.55	6,222.60
Joseph Gallant, Patrol		328.00

Painting:		
Sam Cotrupi	120.00	
Joseph Gallant	755.00	875.00
Bus Drivers, Special Trips		271.50
Harold DeDoming, Trans. Voc. Students		1,128.00
School Bus Expenses:		
Gas & Oil	518.84	
Parts & Repairs	590.00	1,108.84
Lights		1,402.95
Telephone		227.15
Fuel		5,646.33
Police Patrol		30.00
Driver Training Car Expenses		652.76
George Stomper, Football Coach		100.00
Superintendent's Office		6,156.50
Office Supplies		753.29
Repairs to Instruct. Equipment		399.90
Nurse, Travel Expense		40.30
Misc. Instruct. Supplies		424.63
Custodial Supplies		883.40
Building Repairs		2,008.52
Admin. Expense		60.10
Audio Visual Teach. Aids		96.10
Social Security		3,027.70
Contracted Bldg. Repairs		868.43
Admin. Equipment		190.25
Vocational Tuition		950.00
Mrs. Bartlett, Garage Rental, Tractor		25.00
Tractor Pymt.		879.70
Stanley Brzoza, Treas.		1,238.72
Instruct. Equipment		208.36
Textbooks		117.39
Library		120.35
Teaching Supplies		1,942.96
Proctor Trust Co., Interest		573.51
Student Activity Expense		188.20
School Board Salaries		300.00
Contracted Bus Services		566.19

Workmen's Comp. Insurance		232.00
H & V, Interest		404.25
Hospitalization Insurance		633.49
Athletic Orders Drawn:		
Mills & Greer, Supplies	$757.21	
James Campion, Inc., Supplies	905.67	
Paul's Inc., Dry Cleaning	110.00	
Lindholm Sports, Supplies	154.05	
National Ticket Co., Tickets	63.20	
Arthur Schopp Assoc., Supp.	226.10	
Wilson Sports, Supplies	38.74	
Neff Athletic Lettering Co.	22.61	2,277.58
TOTAL ORDERS DRAWN		$158,665.72
Cash Balance as of January 1, 1969		94,024.14
Cash Receipts		70,586.80
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE		$164,610.94
Less Total Disbursements		158,665.72
CASH BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 1969		$5,945.22

BALANCE SHEET - SCHOOL

ASSETS:		
Cash Balance as of June 30, 1969		$5,945.22
Total Assets		$5,945.22
LIABILITIES:		
Proctor Trust Co., Loan	$20,000.00	
Advance - 1969 Taxes	10,000.00	
Heating & Ventilating Acct.	2,603.07	
Total Liabilities		$32,603.07
LIABILITIES OVER ASSETS		$26,657.85

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS OF FIRST HALF OF 1969-1970 *FISCAL* SCHOOL YEAR

Cash Balance as of July 1, 1969	$5,945.22
Cash Receipts	339,105.92
	$345,051.14
Less Total Disbursements	258,421.41
Cash Balance as of December 31, 1969	$86,629.73

WEST RUTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET COMPARISONS

Disbursement	1969-70 Budget	Estimate of Spending 1969-70	1970-71 Budget
Superintendent's Office	$ 12,000.00	15,276.00	18,000.00
School Board Salaries, Exp.	5,000.00	5,224.00	6,575.00
Secretary's Salary	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,300.00
Educational Salaries	242,740.00	222,740.00	270,000.00
Textbooks	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,800.00
Library Books, Av	4,150.00	4,150.00	7,500.00
Instructional Supplies	6,000.00	6,000.00	7,800.00
Other Instructional Costs	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,675.00
Truant Officer	250.00	.....	.....
Transportation: Drivers, Bus Maintenance, Athletic Trips, Vocational Students	7,100.00	7,100.00	7,500.00
Custodians and Helpers Salaries	8,500.00	13,500.00	11,000.00
Heating Fuel	6,000.00	6,000.00	7,300.00
Utilities: Light, Power	2,500.00	2,000.00	3,100.00
Telephone	800.00	800.00	850.00
Custodial Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,500.00
Repairs, Upkeep	12,900.00	12,900.00	15,000.00
Insurance, Fixed Charges	2,500.00	2,500.00	3,550.00
Social Security	11,400.00	11,400.00	12,500.00
School Activities, Safety Patrol	600.00	600.00	1,000.00
Capital Outlay	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Principal of Debt		20,000.00	.....
Tuition	3,000.00	4,000.00	8,000.00
Interscholastic Athletics	1,596.00	1,596.00	2,000.00
Federal Programs	4,300.00	.....	.....
Contingency	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Operating Budget	$360,536.00	$364,986.00	$412,450.00
Heating & Ventilating	17,200.00		
	$377,736.00		

WEST RUTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Receipts	Budget 1969-1970	Estimate 1969-1970	Budget 1970-1971
State Building Aid (H & V) 20%	3,080.00	3,562.70	3,349.50
State Aid	65,000.00	63,241.00	75,000.00
Federal Programs	4,300.00	.....	.....
Vocational Courses State Supported	2,500.00	.....	.....
Tuition Received	35,000.00	58,614.29	58,000.00
Prize Speaking	50.00	.....	.....
Non-Revenue Receipts	500.00	500.00	500.00
Transportation Refund, Vocational	250.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Cash Balance, July 1	1,000.00	16,115.01	12,910.00
Athletic Receipts	1,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Driver Education	.....	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total Receipts w/o Taxes	113,180.00	146,533.00	154,259.50
Local Taxation	231,363.00	231,363.00	258,190.50
Total	$344,543.00	$377,896.00	$412,450.00

BALANCE SHEET
TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND AND SCHOOL DISTRICT
DECEMBER 31, 1969

	General	Highway	School	Equipment	Town Farm
Assets:					
Cash	$ 8,168.93	$ 1,550.51	$ 86,629.73	$ 1,323.57	$,(118.18)
Delinquent taxes coll. & held by Tax Collector	98.10				
Est. Del. Taxes	3,500.00				
Loan, Equip. Acct.	3,000.00				
Highway Acct., Overpayment	12,000.00				
Loan, General Acct.			30,000.00		
Proctor Trust Co., Savings Acct.					15,960.91
TOTAL ASSETS	$26,767.03	$1,550.51	$116,629.73	$1,323.57	$15,842.73
Liabilities					
Loans, Proctor Trust Co.				3,500.00	1,000.00
General Acct.		12,000.00		3,000.00	
Heating & Vent. Acct.			5,619.71		
School District	30,000.00				
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$30,000.00	$12,000.00	$ 5,619.71	$ 6,500.00	$ 1,000.00
LESS ASSETS	26,767.03	1,550.51	116,629.73	1,323.57	15,842.73
Liabilities over Assets	$ 3,232.97	$10,449.49		$ 5,176.43	
Assets over Liabilities			$111,010.02		$14,842.73
Comparative Figures:					
Liabilities over Assets					
1967	$ 7,205.49			$ 9,667.61	
1968		$ 3,031.99		12,967.78	
1969	3,232.97	10,449.49		5,176.43	
Assets over Liabilities					
1967		1,656.48	$ 8,275.69		$15,833.84
1968	4,359.36		110,530.81		14,954.67
1969			111,010.02		14,842.73

HEATING AND VENTILATING ACCOUNT

Balance on Note January 1, 1969			$46,200.00
Interest			1,201.98
			$47,401.98
Paid on Principal and Interest			16,601.98
Balance on Note			$30,800.00
29¢ tax on Grand List	$19,618.62		
Less Payment on Principal and Interest	16,601.98		
Balance in Heating & Ventilating Acct., 1969		$3,016.64	
Balance in Heating & Ventilating Acct., 1968		2,603.07	
Total Balance in Heating & Ventilating Account			$ 5,619.71

LISTERS' REPORT

As shown elsewhere in the Town Report, West Rutland's 1969 grand list is:

Real estate	$59,253.11
Personal property	6,663.29
1156 polls	1,734.00
	$67,650.40

In July Earle H. Bishop resigned as lister and Charles S. Glidden, Jr. was appointed to fill out his term. All three of us attended the three-day "listers' school" at Castleton. We are trying to get some of our work done before April to avoid the April-May rush that crowds listers' work; if we succeed we hope it will improve the quality of our work. Some of you have received preliminary notices of changes in appraisal; this is an experiment, which we hope will leave fewer disagreements to be argued on Grievance Days. Grievance Day, by the way, is by law the day your complaint must be in our hands in writing, or we shouldn't consider it.

Appraisal methods

As you know, the State Tax Department furnishes us tables, guidelines and other information to help us in appraising both real estate and personal property. We hope that following these makes our appraisals more accurate; we are sure that whatever inaccuracies result are fairly uniform, so that taxpayers are treated very much alike.

Cattle census

Last year the town voted to exempt cattle from the personal property tax. This relieves us of the task of valuing cattle, but we are still required by law to furnish an accurate count of them. Farmers, in other words, must still tell us how many cattle they have, even though they won't pay any tax on them.

Poll tax

Thanks to the poll tax, the listers or their assistants must call on you every year. This is a nuisance to you, and to us as well, but we can't avoid it so long as there is a poll tax.

Exemptions

We find 336 exemptions from poll tax, of which 78 were for veterans, their wives and widows. Property tax exemptions, at listed values (50% of actual value), amounted to $188 thousand, of which $80 thousand was veterans' exemptions and $108 thousand the three-year exemption on new homes.

It is important that each of you entitled to a veteran's exemption go through the paperwork involved by a date fixed in the law. Unless we have in our hands, by May 1, 1970, both your claim for exemption and the Veterans Administration certification, you are not entitled to any exemption for 1970 and we are required by law to tax you.

The three-year exemption from property tax on new dwellings usually works out to less than three years, since the calendar year in which construction begins counts as the first year. If a cellar hole is dug in the fall, and most of the actual building is done after the following April 1, the owner-builder actually gets only one year's exemption.

Moreover, in figuring school aid by the state to the various towns, the state "equalizes" the towns in a way that reduces our state aid because of these exemptions (but of course not dollar for dollar).

General

We appreciate your consideration and cooperation, and trust we may continue to merit them.

WALTER P. GALLIPEAU
GEORGE J. COVALT
CHARLES S. GLIDDEN, Jr.

BULK RATE
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WEST RUTLAND, VT.
PERMIT NO. 3

Cowalt, George
Boardman Hill
Town